

DRAWINGS

Formal Drawings

Formal drawings were filed with the application on 1/11/2001. A review of the Office Action has failed to uncover whether the drawings were accepted by the Official Draftsman or whether a Form 948 rejection was issued by the Official Draftsman. An indication of the status of the drawings is respectfully requested with the next communication from the Patent Office.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Status

Claim 1 has been cancelled by the present amendment and claims 2 through 16 have been added.

The claims in this application have been revised to voluntarily further clarify Applicant's unique invention. Applicant maintains that the claims as filed were patentable over the art of record. However, to expedite issuance of this application, reconsideration of the claims in light of the amendments and for the following reasons is respectfully requested.

Priority Claim

The Examiner has noted that the priority claim did not appear as the first paragraph of the specification. The specification has been amended to add such a claim and the relationship between the applications. No petition is necessary to enter such amendment, as the original declaration claimed priority and was accepted on the filing receipt.

Claim History

The Examiner rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 and 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The cancellation of claim 1 by the present amendment serves to render these particular grounds of rejection moot. The Examiner rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as anticipated by Schweitzer.

The cited publication to Schweitzer merely shows the concept of sending a dollar sales commission for referral of a sale at a “brick and mortar” store. The present invention uses the power of sales to show support for a cause or concept. Additionally, a number of electable sites are provided so that the user can choose (or “vote”) for the cause or the charity that should receive the commission or vote. Nowhere in the Schweitzer is there any mention of voting or electing the concern which will receive the commission from a list of eligible sites. For at least this reason, the claims are allowable over the art of record.

Summary

Applicants have made a diligent and bona fide effort to answer each and every ground for rejection or objection to the specification including the claims and to place the application in condition for final disposition. Reconsideration and further examination is respectfully requested, and for the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition to be passed to issue and such action is earnestly solicited. However, should there remain unresolved issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone Robert N. Blackmon, Applicants' Attorney at 703-684-5633 to satisfactorily conclude the prosecution of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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